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BELLEVILLE MAN SENTENCED IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced that on Friday, October 6, 2006, **STEVEN W. BECKMAN**, age 55, of Belleville, Illinois, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis to a term of 97 months' imprisonment for possessing child pornography, and for receiving child pornography through the mail.

BECKMAN was charged by a Federal Grand Jury in November 2005, with possessing and receiving child pornography. **BECKMAN** pled guilty to both charges on January 3, 2006.

Under federal law, parole has been abolished, and defendants are required to serve at least 85 percent of their sentence.

In addition to the term of imprisonment, **BECKMAN** was ordered to pay fines and special assessments totaling \$1100.00, and he was placed on 3 years of supervised release to follow his incarceration. **BECKMAN** was also ordered to register with local authorities as a sex offender, under the "Adam Walsh" law.

BECKMAN'S conviction and sentence resulted from an investigation into internet child pornography sites, conducted jointly by the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office in St. Louis, Missouri, and by FBI agents assigned to the Fairview Heights, Illinois Resident Agency Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Garrison.